concerned agencies of the Central Government and according to information avaliable, are presently resolving certain issues relating to the Power Purchase Agreement with Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board and negotiating with the financial institutions and foreign lenders for financing the project. The project is scheduled for commissioning after 44 months from the date of financial closure by the promoters.

Cut in Power to States by NTPC

253. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 29 given in the Rajya Sabha dated 1st December, 1998 and state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report titled "NTPC CUT SUPPLY TO STATES FLOUTING NORMS CENTRAL BODY CENSURES CORPORATION" as appeared in the Statesman (Calcutta) dated 24 January, 1999;

(b) whether C.E.A. has sent any communication to N.T.P.C as reported;

(c) if so, the exact advice/direction from C.E.A. to N.T.P.C. on the norms followed while imposing power cut on W.B.S.E.B. and D.V.C. in October, 1998; and

(d) the action taken so far on the advice?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGLAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Since the outstanding dues from the Eastern Region was highest in terms of months of billing, NTPC gave notices to BSEB, Gridco (Orissa), WBSEB and DVC for regulation of power supply. While Gridco, and BSEB responded by ennancing LCs and making partial payments, WBSEB did not take any action to liquidate its arrears. According, NTPC resorted to regulation of power supply from its Farakka STPS on 11th October, 1998, after giving advance notice to EREB & ERLDC. NTPC has received a communication from CEA on 31.12.1998 on a busbar tripping at Farakka, advising them to take precautionary measures for carrying out protection testing/maintenance work affecting the grid in future. NTPC has taken due notice of CEA's advice.

तापीय, पन और परमाणु विद्युत का उत्पादन

254. **श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:**
श्री राज मोहिन्दर सिंह:

क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिसम्बर, 1998 के अन्त तक तापीय (थर्मल), पन (हाइड्रो) और परमाणु (न्यूक्लियर) विद्युत के उत्पादन की स्थापित क्षमता कितनी-कितनी है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उपरोक्त क्षेत्रों में प्रत्येक क्षेत्र में विद्युत उत्पादन का स्थापित क्षमता का उपयोग नहीं किया जा सका;

(ग) यदि हां, तो प्रत्येक क्षेत्र में विद्युत उत्पादन के लिए स्थापित क्षमता के कितने प्रतिशत का उपयोग किया गया है; और

(घ) स्थापित क्षमता के क्षमता से कम उपयोग के कारण उत्पादन लागत में वृद्धि के संबंध में क्या ब्यौरा है?

विद्युत मंत्री, संसदीय कार्य मंत्री और गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्री (श्री पी०आर० कुमारमंगलम): (क) 31.12.98 की स्थितिनुसार अधिष्ठापित क्षमता निम्नवत है:—

जल विद्युत	—	22083.08 मे०वा०
ताप विद्युत	—	65139.98 मे०वा०
न्यूक्लीय	—	2225.00 मे०वा०
पवन	—	968.12 मे०वा०
कुल		90416.18 मे०वा०